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BIOGRAPHY

Jonathan P. Braga MAJOR GENERAL

Deputy Commanding General

Major General Braga is the Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), located at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He previously served as the Commanding General for the U.S. Special Operations Command – Pacific (SOCPAC) at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

Major General Braga commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served in multiple positions as an Infantry Officer with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. As a Special Forces Officer, he held multiple command positions in the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg and in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, completing deployments throughout the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.

Subsequent to these assignments, Major General Braga spent significant time in a U.S. Army Special Operations Command Special Mission Unit serving in numerous staff and leadership roles while deploying to Operation Willing Spirit in Colombia, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Operations Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and Inherent Resolve in Iraq. He also served as the Operations Officer for the Joint Reconnaissance Task Force as part of Joint Special Operations Command in Washington, D.C., deploying to lead a Special Operations Task Force spread across three Geographical Commands.

Major General Braga later served as the Garrison Commander of the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California and subsequently as the Chief of Staff at Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg. He then served as the Director of Operations, Combined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Resolve, Iraq prior to assuming command of SOCPAC.

Major General Braga holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point and Master of Science degree from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island; both in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also served as an Army War College Special Operations Fellow at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. His numerous awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. His skill badges include the Expert and Combat Infantryman's Badges, Military Freefall Badge, and Ranger and Special Forces Tabs.

Major General Braga is married; he and his wife have three daughters and two sons.